

We honor the law because it preserves civilized society. We revere the law because it protects the dignity of the individual. And we respect our courts because without them the words of law would be words without meaning.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby request the observance of Tuesday, May 1, 1973, as Law Day in the United States of America.

As requested by the Congress, I urge that our people observe Law Day with appropriate public ceremonies, through public bodies and private organizations, in schools, colleges and universities, and in other suitable places. I especially request that the courts, the legal profession, and all media of public information take the lead in such observances so that public understanding of the role of the courts in our society can be broadened. I call upon public officials to display the Nation's flag on public buildings on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4194

Earth Week, 1973

March 12, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The first Earth Week in 1971 marked an important milestone for the cause of environmental protection. It also provided an important opportunity for all Americans to pay tribute to the qualities which have made our country great—individual initiative, voluntary action, and a deep sense of responsibility for the gifts of nature and the welfare of the community.

Our environment is the source of life upon which we all depend; its preservation has brought out the best in the American character. In thousands of communities, citizens have joined to improve the quality of their lives and those of their neighbors.

Our environmental problems have not been resolved since that first Earth Week, but we have done much and we will do more. While our

new awareness has taught us that our natural resources are exhaustible, we know that our most important resource, the American spirit, is not.

We can never rest in the effort to preserve and improve our good earth. Earth Week, 1973 gives us the chance to affirm our dedication to that high calling.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning April 8, 1973, as Earth Week. I call upon Federal, State and local officials to foster the purposes of Earth Week and to arrange for its proper observance. I ask that special attention be given to personal voluntary activities and educational efforts directed toward protecting and enhancing our life-giving environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4195

Small Business Week, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

March 12, 1973

A Proclamation

In no facet of our national life is the American genius for independence, innovation and self-improvement better displayed than in the small business community.

The instinct to create, sustain and expand an independent enterprise is as old as America herself—an impulse that brought the earliest settlers to our shores and motivated generation after generation of our citizens in their onward, upward march. Nowhere is it more clearly evident today than among our Nation's 8 million small businesses.

In the past year alone, more than 70 thousand new companies were started. Nineteen out of every twenty firms are considered small business, and they provide approximately 35 million jobs, and contribute more than \$420 billion to the gross national product.

They also provide a ladder of opportunity to hard working, ambitious Americans of all races and creeds—the chance to harness individual